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Assault at Victory Park Resulting in Homicide

On September 30, 2021, at approximately 8:30 PM, Manchester Police responded to a serious assault at Victory Park. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, 57 year old Brian Berlo of no fixed address in Manchester, unconscious and unresponsive. Mr. Berlo was transported to the Elliot Hospital with life-threatening injuries. After initial treatment, Mr. Berlo's condition was listed as stable.

Based on the investigation thus far, Manchester Police Detectives have learned that Mr. Berlo was in an argument with two other male subjects, and the argument turned into a physical altercation. During this altercation, Berlo was significantly assaulted. Based upon the investigation, detectives developed sufficient information to arrest 26 year old Brandon Gomez of no fixed address in Manchester.

On October 1, 2021, Mr. Gomez was taken into custody, without incident, in the vicinity of Wilson Street and Valley Street in Manchester. Mr. Gomez was charged with felony 1st degree assault and held on preventative detention pending his arraignment at Hillsborough County Superior Court North.

On October 3rd 2021, Mr. Berlo died at the Elliot Hospital. Later that day, an autopsy was performed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to determine the cause and manner of his death.

This morning, October 4, 2021, Mr. Gomez was arraigned on the 1st Degree Assault and held on preventative detention. This afternoon, Manchester Police and the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office were notified by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner that Mr. Berlo's cause of death was determined to be "blunt head trauma" and the manner of death was homicide.

Charges against Gomez are subject to change based upon further developments in the investigation. Facts and circumstances surrounding this incident, others involved, and the potential for additional charges remain under investigation. Updates will be provided as appropriate.

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Anyone with information regarding this matter is encouraged to contact the Manchester Police Department Detective Division at 603-668-8711.

Information can be anonymously provided to the Manchester CrimeLine.
CrimeLine Tips can be provided by:

- Calling 603-624-4040
- Logging on to manchestercrimeline.org
- Via the secure “Submit a Tip” app.

Cash rewards are available for information that leads to an arrest.

The charges against Gomez are only allegations. He is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.



Brandon Gomez